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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor: Ghassan Semaan

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PARTITIONING SONET FRAMES INTO LOGICAL CHANNELS  
TO OPTIMIZE BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION

Enclosed are:

1. The papers required for filing date under CFR §1.53(b):  
25 Pages of specification (including claims);  
5 Sheets of drawings;  
     formal  
     informal
2.  Declaration or oath (signed)
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5.  Information Disclosure Statement (with references)
6. Fee Calculation  
     A preliminary amendment deleting multiple dependencies and placing the claims in proper U.S. format is enclosed.

CLAIMS AS FILED

	Number filed	Number extra*	Rate	Basic Fee \$690.00
Total Claims	15 - 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	X \$ 78.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any		0	+ \$260.00	\$0.00

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